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Mr. Joshua Schneyer
Reuters News
Three Times Square
New York, NY 10036

Dear Mr. Schneyer,

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA); CASE NUMBER
DON-NAVY-2018-003110

We are writing to provide an interim release to your revised Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 1, 2018, requesting the following:

“...documentation listed below that pertain to suspected and/or confirmed organochlorine pesticides (i.e., chlordane, Aldrin, dieldrin, heptachlor, heptachlor epoxide, DDT/DDE/DDD, etc.) in soils, air water and/or house dust in active, closed and/or transferred military family housing located on current or former Navy and/or Marine Corps and/or their Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI) partners. Specifically, I request copies of the documentation listed below that was collected, requested, drafted, developed and/or received by Navy and/or marine Corps entities between 1995 and 2107 that discuss, confirm, deny, consider, approve and/or inform of the presence of organochlorine pesticides in soils, air, dust and/or water within their military family housing neighborhoods and/or communities on or associated with Navy and/or Marine Corps installations in Hawaii, California, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, New York, Washington DC, Illinois and Texas.”

We have enclosed 156 records that we are releasing to you, in part. Portions of the records are being withheld under the following FOIA exemptions:

- (1) Exemption 4 protects trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is confidential or privileged. (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)).
- (2) Exemption 5 protects communications within or between agencies, including those protected by the Deliberative Process Privilege, Attorney-Work Privilege, or Attorney-Client Privilege (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)).
- (3) Exemption 6 protects information that, if disclosed, would invade another individual's personal privacy. (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)).

We are continuing our search and expect to provide the final release by January 31, 2020.

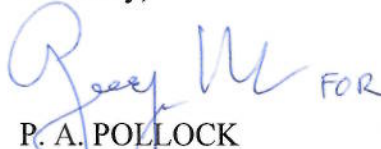
If you consider this response an adverse determination, you may appeal. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within this web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

The Department of the Navy
Office of the General Counsel (ATTN: FOIA APPEALS)
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-01, ogis@nara.gov; (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Abby Machalec, abby.machalec@navy.mil. Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2018-003110 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely,


P. A. POLLOCK
Chief Management Officer

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